

# Semester One Exam Review Guide

English 11

Date : Thursday, December 15 – 8:00 to 10:00

Point Value : 20% of semester grade

Want Extra Help? : Tuesday, 12/13 at LUNCH or Wednesday, 12/14 between 2:30-4:00

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## FORMAT :

- Vocabulary Multiple Choice – 15%
  - definition, synonym, antonym, fill-in-the-blank, synthesis
- Critical Reading Multiple Choice – 25%
  - Passage based from works we have studied
- Close Reading Analysis – 15%
  - Considering key elements of language, create a paragraph length analysis
- Synthesis Essay – 45%
  - Take a position and support using sources provided

## WORKS STUDIED :

### 1) Is personal integrity more important than survival?

- FICTION:
  - *The Crucible*
- POETRY :
  - “Kitchenette Building” – Gwendolyn Brooks
  - “Poem beginning with a line from Fitzgerald/ Hemingway” – Alicia Ostriker
- NON-FICTION :
  - “Philosophy as an Art of Dying” – Costica Bradatan
  - “The Challenge” – ACLU video
  - “The Life and Death of Mahatma Gandhi” – BBC
  - “Reflections on Gandhi” – George Orwell
  - “Give me Liberty or Give me Death” – Patrick Henry
  - “When it’s one absolute right against another”
  - “Bouazizi : The man who set himself and Tunisia on fire”

### 2) Why do people leave what is familiar and known for the unknown?

- POETRY :
  - “The New Colossus” – Emma Lazarus
  - “Unguarded Gates” – Thomas Aldrich
- NONFICTION :
  - “A Description of New England” – John Smith
  - “History of Plymouth Plantation” – William Bradford

### 3) What does it mean to be an American?

- POETRY :
  - “America” – Walt Whitman
- NONFICTION:
  - “The Declaration of Independence” – Thomas Jefferson
  - “What is an American” – John Hector St. John Crevecoeur
  - “The American Scholar” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
  - Excerpt from *Walden* – Henry David Thoreau

## **VOCABULARY :**

acquiesce  
apathy  
capitulate  
ideology  
paragon  
pragmatic  
quandary  
idealist  
fervent  
recalcitrant  
renounce  
temperance  
tenet  
veracity  
martyrdom  
zealous

abject  
aggrieved  
ameliorate  
arable  
asylum  
austere  
destitute  
enterprise  
expatriate  
itinerant  
nomadic  
pilgrimage  
sojourn  
transient  
travail  
traverse  
vagrancy  
xenophobia

approbation  
autonomous  
consensus  
discord  
dissent  
divergent  
fidelity  
foment  
galvanize  
grievance  
ramifications  
reconcile  
repudiate  
sovereign  
unanimity

